

Grant funds awarded for Hiawatha airport

(KNZA)--Hiawatha's Municipal Airport is among 41 airports in Kansas awarded a portion of \$5 million in grant funds.

According to a news release from the Kansas Department of Transportation, the monies are awarded to use for planning, constructing, or rehabilitating public use general aviation airports.

The grant funds are allocated through the Kansas Airport Improvement Program.

Hiawatha's airport was awarded three grants totaling nearly \$100,000.

Hiawatha City Administrator Mike Nichols said two grants totaling \$38,000 are for engineering design in preparation for the construction of a new lighting system down the road for the two runways. The city's portion is 10 percent.

Nichols said the third grant for nearly \$62,000 is for engineering design for renovation of the taxiway and construction in the area around the older hangers, north of the burn pit. The city's portion is 5 percent.

He said the city is excited to be selected for the grant funding and very appreciate to KDOT for assisting the city in making progress at the airport.

The KDOT Division of Aviation, which manages the program, considered 119 project applications this year with a combined total value of more than \$29 million.

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